



LANSBURY LAWRENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

EYFS HUB Nursery Autumn Term 1



SETTLING IN:

Settling into nursery is something that is individual to each family and child. Your child may settle into nursery straight away, but you must also be prepared that it may take a little longer, especially if this is the first time your child has been away from you. Be strong and be prepared for tears, this will be their way of saying they are not ready for you to go, but this will pass as they get used to their new routine.

Communication is key: make sure you talk to your child about nursery and how fun it will be and reassure them that you will collect them at home after they have had a great day playing with their new friends. Also, make sure you ask any questions and talk to our experienced staff about any worries you may have. We are more than happy to talk to you.

Here are a few things to remember to bring with you to the nursery:

- A bag with 2 sets of spare clothes (underwear & socks)
- A water bottle (with a name label)
- Weather-appropriate clothes, e.g. wellies for rain and hats in sunshine.

Note: Please make sure that any clothing that comes to the nursery is named. No food items should be included in your child's school bag.



ALLERGY NOTICE:

We are asking parents not to give their children nuts or nut products for breakfast/lunch before they come to school. We have a student with an airborne nut allergy.

Thank you for your co-operation.

GOING TO THE TOILET:

We will encourage the children to use the toilet independently.

Things that you can do at home:

Please encourage your child to use the toilet by themselves, including removing clothing and pulling it back up again.





PHONICS:

We will be focusing on lots of listening skills and being able to identify and differentiate between the sounds we hear, e.g.

- Sounds we hear in the environment around us
- Sounds that instruments make
- Sounds we can make with our bodies, e.g. clapping, patting, clicking, etc.
- Sounds we can make with our voices.

Things that you can do at home:

Point out noises you can hear to your child and ask them if they can identify them.

Ask them what noises they can hear when out and about.

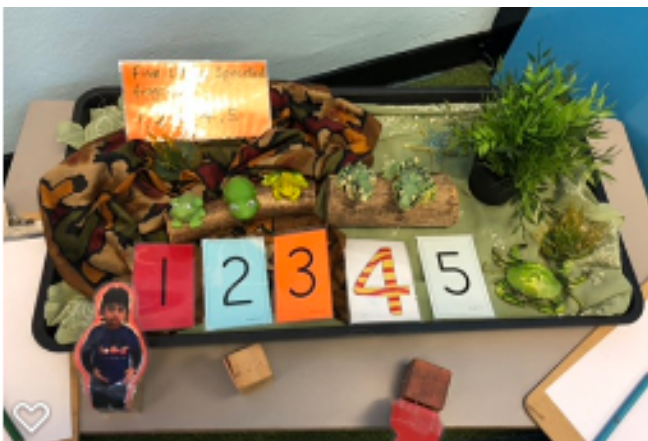
Phonics activities:

Talk about sounds you like and sounds you don't like and why.

Draw pictures of things that make sounds like - for example, birds singing, the sea or a doorbell.

Listen to some music at home with your family. Can you all clap along to the beat?

Listen carefully to this list of words. Can you find the one that doesn't rhyme with the others? Remember to listen carefully to the sound at the end of each word: tree, bee, pin, three.



READING:

We will be reading lots of different stories together at carpet time.

Things that you can do at home:

Please read with your child at home, look at the pictures and talk about what is happening in them. Can your child predict what is happening from the pictures?

Books we will be reading at the nursery:

- Brown bear, brown bear
- Owl Babies
- My hair
- Dear Zoo
- Peace at last
- Avocado baby

FINE MOTOR SKILLS:

We will be focusing a lot on strengthening the muscles in the children's hands and fingers so that using mark-making tools will be easier for them. Amongst other activities, we will be using a lot of playdough, threading and tweezer work. This will help the children get ready for a correct pencil grip and, eventually, writing.

Things that you can do at home:

Use play dough and encourage your child to squeeze, pinch and roll it. Watch the 'Disco-dough' video on YouTube after making playdough with your child.

Playdough Recipe:

You will need

8 tbsp plain flour 2 tbsp table salt 60ml warm water food colouring

1 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. Mix the water, a few drops of food colouring, and the oil in a separate bowl.
2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.
3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. You can work in a few extra drops of food colouring if you want a more intense colour.
4. Store in a plastic sandwich bag (squeeze out the air) in the fridge to keep it fresh